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July 31

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I would prefer the first Wednesday & Thursday in Sept. The meetings being then a very good length, and the farmers at liberty.

From Br. Goodman, I have not heard a word for two months. What he is doing, cannot tell. Rev. James Porter, whose name I sent you for a local agent, is a methodist clergyman, last year of Millbury, - I believe, a most active, zealous and single hearted abolitionist - a man of respectable talents and information - a popular speaker - (say as good as Br. O. Johnson) and has lectured frequently on the subject. Understands it well. Mr. McCollom, I am acquainted with, only by reputation. He is preceptor of the Westminster academy - a professor of religion - member, I am told, of Mr. Mann's church - was an early abolitionist, - has resided in this town - and is said to be a popular speaker. Mr. Pitts of Millville is a private citizen - well informed, - of an excellent character - one of the earliest abolitionists in the town - understands the subject, and in Lyceums has often defended it. Be assured, my Brother, that I will recommend to you, no man as an agent, of whose competency or character, I can have the least doubt.

I am giving lectures, (as I can find opportunity work evenings) in the various school-houses of Worcester. In this way, I hope, before the Co. Con. to have crossed the Rubicon, and be ready to take the village by storm.

Yours Truly - for the oppressed, A. Bt. Blair.

which so disturbed the equanimity of Connecticut
Yankees, in this vicinity, several young clergymen
from New Haven, who are stung to the quick by his attack
on their pay system; and the positions two of them occupy
are important points of attack — Millbury & W. Boylston.

The Petitions you sent were all filled, & distributed
in the first mail after they came. The persons
and plans they were sent to are the following viz.
Lewis Holbrook
and Otis Adams, Grafton, — Elipholet Baily and Mr Felton,
Milford, — Otis Wood and Jonathan Nelson, Upton; —
Dexter Wales and Rev Mr Hall, Hopkinton, — Seth Holman
and John Woods, Royalston, — Asa Richardson and
Frederic Parker, Gardner; — Abijah Wood, (two petitions)
Westboro, — Lawson D. Gray and John Morse, Walpole,
— Rev. A. Ballou, Mendon, — Rev E. Capron, Millville,
— Rev. D. R. Lawson, Berlin; — M. Davenport Esq.
Boylston, — Austin W. Tibby, Worcester, — Maynard
King, West Boylston; — D. B. Sibley, Millbury. The men
they were sent to will not need the Human Rights,
as I filled the petitions before they were sent.
The pamphlets sell well.

The officers of the North and South Division Societies have agreed on a County Convention, and left the time of calling it, pretty much to me. You may depend on the convenience of our friends in Boston, (any time after the commencement of the last week in Aug.)

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Hanson St Clair

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West Boylston 29th July 1837-

Dear Brother,

Will you send me by mail, without delay, the First, Second and Third annual Reports of the American Anti-Slavery Society. Among many of the heart-pricked, guilty, carping, Slavery-apologizing clergymen, I find many grievous charges preferred against us as a body, which I am sure are unfounded, and yet it is impossible to refute them, because I have not the documents, containing the statements & Resolutions on which they profess to found their allegations. This gall is chiefly poured out against the American Society, - or the resolutions in its annual Reports. and on several occasions I have been much mortified, in consequence of my own ignorance of the matter. The Proceedings also, of the First and Second New England Anti-Slavery Conventions, published in May 1834 & 1835. and the Fourth Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Massachusetts A.S.S. I stand in much need of, as reference books. These are, in all them, as you are well aware, many important facts, as well as a connected history of the progress of our cause, which every agent ought to have a knowledge of; and which, till within about two months, I scarcely knew were in existence. Above all, send - if you can - Mr. Goodells famous Report